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should be included for storage
 in the Vital Documents Repository.

2. Reproduction materials for all maps which are contained in NIS and JANIS publications and which have been handled by D/Ma and its predecessors are being included for storage in accordance with a policy established by the Chief, D/NIS. D/Ma concurs in this policy.

3. The problem involved in the storage of reproduction materials is set forth in the memorandum from the Chief, Cartography Branch to the Chief, Map Division, dated 19 May 1950, a copy of which is attached. In this memorandum several alternative methods are discussed in considerable detail. When this memorandum was prepared, D/Ma felt that alternative 3.g. was most practicable. Technicians in the GPO-State Service Office have reservations regarding the adequacy of this method. The copy of this memorandum is being forwarded for the information of the Committee.

4. It is recognized that storage requirements for maps require considerable floor space. It is entirely possible that the collection of selected foreign published maps and the record files of maps produced by D/Ma could be stored at the Army Map Service repository in the Midwest. In this connection, I am inclosing a copy of a memorandum from the Chief, Procurement and Reference Branch to the Chief, Map Division, dated 19 May 1950, in which he suggests a plan which might be put into effect through the cooperation of OCD and OO. This copy is also being forwarded for the information and possible consideration of the Committee.

5. The staff of D/Ma has spent considerable time and effort trying to determine the real meaning of "Vital Documents". In the reference memorandum it was stated "Documents to be stored must be justifiable as vital in the sense that you would require them to reactivate your office in event of destruction of your regular files." The staff was also influenced by the experience in Washington in the field of maps and map intelligence at the beginning of World War II when practically no information of this character was available on foreign areas. The several series included in the attached requests relate almost exclusively to unique material and unique assembly of information for conducting specific operations.

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6. Although two series pertain to the foreign map procurement program, part of the staff of D/Ma has operating responsibility as the coordinating staff backing up this program and maintains the only file of Official-Informal correspondence. It is felt that CIA, therefore, has responsibility for vital storage of copies of this material.

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Inclosures:

1. Request for Storage of Vital Documents - 16 originals, 1 cc of each.
2. Cy of memo dated 19 May fr Chief B/Ca to Chief, D/Ma
3. Cy of memo dated 19 May fr Chief B/PR to Chief, D/Ma

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